

an automobile a white heron — I think undoubtedly of this species — feeding by one of the pools. Mr. Lyman Underwood, who was spending the summer in the same township with me (Nonquitt, Mass.), saw several white herons a day or so later at the same place, as he also passed in his automobile, and later I was asked by residents of Wareham, Mass., if white herons should be seen in that locality. Apparently there was a flight during August, 1913.— R. HEBER HOWE, JR., *Thoreau Museum, Concord, Mass.*

**Notes on an Unusual Flight of Stilt Sandpiper** (*Micropalama himantopus*).— While walking through the Boston Markets on August 12, 1912, I was surprised to find large numbers of Stilt Sandpipers offered for sale. This species is rather uncommon and although a few generally occur each fall I had never before seen more than twenty or twenty-five in the market at one time. On this date nearly every stall had bunches of them and at one place I saw a large hamper filled with shore-birds nearly all of which were this species. There were a few Yellow-legs and Ruddy Turnstones in the lot but I estimated that there were not less than two hundred Stilt Sandpipers in this one stall. The proprietor, whom I personally know, informed me that all came from Ipswich, Massachusetts, or the immediate vicinity. I could not learn from the other dealers where their birds had been shipped from but there is little doubt that practically all came from points along the Massachusetts coast.

The presence of so many birds in the market would seem to indicate an unusual flight along the coast and the following observations made on Long Island, N. Y., on the same date by my friend, Mr. John Treadwell Nichols, of the American Museum of Natural History, may throw some light on the extent of this flight. With his kind permission I quote the following from his letter.

“On August 12, 1912, I observed an unusual flight of Stilt Sandpipers at Mastic, Long Island. In about three hours time, in the early morning, approximately 200 birds passed by a single set of stool (decoys). They were in flocks of varying size, and mixed with them were a very few Lesser Yellow-legs and Dowitchers. The Stilt Sandpipers taken and observed (and I imagine all the rest) were in barred plumage.” — F. SEYMOUR HERSEY, *Taunton, Mass.*

**Franklin's Grouse in Colorado.**— While recently securing data and notes on the “game birds” of Colorado from Mr. Bryan Haywood, who has for years shot these birds all over the west, I was pleased to learn that Mr. Haywood had shot a Franklin's Grouse (*Canachites franklini*) at Palmer Lake, Colo., in September, 1896. I accept this record unhesitatingly because the bird was shot, and examined, and because Mr. Haywood is thoroughly familiar with the species, having killed many in Montana. This bird can be classed only as a straggler in Colorado, and this record is the first, so far as I know, for the state.— W. H. BERGTOLD, *Denver, Colo.*